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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir :

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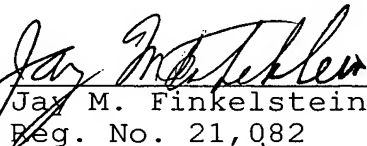
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